

Houston Locals.

Ross Kimbrough was in town on business Thursday.

Sid Walker and wife spent Sunday afternoon up at Houka.

M Matz spent Sunday in Starkville.

J C Reeder, who has been in the hospital here, returned home Monday.

R B Weasels and O M Harrill were in Houston on business Monday.

Miss Francis Van Horn spent few days with homefolks this week.

Miss Pauline Marion spent the week-end at Van Vleet as the guest of her uncle.

Miss Opal Marion of Van Vleet was the guest of her cousin, Miss Nina Mae Marion Monday.

We are sorry to note that our friend, Squire D A Blair is in the bed with LaGrippe.

Prof W A Wilkinson left Thursday morning for Hattiesburg to be with his daughter, Miss Gladys, who is sick.

There will be quite a number of people here Friday night the 21st, to attend the entertainment at the school auditorium.

Mr and Mrs Frank Foster, Mr and Mrs Pal Porter, Mr and Mrs Jessie Bean and Messrs Paulk and Geo Foster attended the burial of their sister, Miss Lena Ray, who was buried here Tuesday.

We call your attention to the J B Paden page add in this week's paper. This store is putting on a sale that will be of lasting benefit to the surrounding community. The bargains offered in this tremendous sacrifice are of surprising prices and every customer will be satisfied with every purchase made in the Paden Store. Dry goods of the best and the cheapest await your selection. It will pay you to visit this store and purchase goods for your family. Go now.

MULES WANTED.

State of Miss. Chickasaw County. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of said County and State, will receive bids for the furnishing of Five Mules to Supervisors District No. 1, the said contract to be let in front of the Court House door in the Town of Houston, Miss., on Monday the 7th day of Feb. 1916.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Witness my signature this the 10th day of Jan. 1916.

W A Wilkinson, Clerk.
By J C Williams, D C.

HON. BRAXTON WALDROP NEW POSTMASTER

R. B. Waldrop will be the new postmaster of Houston and HAPPY is his middle name. By the good graces of Hon T U Sisson, will steer the appointment successfully thru the U. S. Congress. Mr Waldrop is THANKFUL. He will assume his new duties Sunday and we are sure that he will please all the people all the time. "Brack", as his friends call him, is a Chickasaw boy, he having been rear a few miles north of Houston. After teaching few years he ran for Supt. of Education, winning easily. Then after four years of good service he served another four without opposition. For the past four years he has been connected with a Wholesale house and Brand-Smith Hardware. Well versed in letters he will endeavor to keep things in order and stamp out all matter of useless routine. Kicks will not be registered for the penalty of private use will put some in the perishable class and almost wish they had insured their life. Please don't ask him to lick your stamps for he will have enough trouble in pounding the head of George Washington and also four or five finger nails of Braxton Waldrop. And again; please don't make him weigh up a "PARTIAL POST" but just say PARCEL POST and he won't feel throwing boxes at you with the lock thrown in. A first class man in a third class office is our good friend R B Waldrop. Just as in the past the one and two cent stamps, and also others of higher denomination, will REMAIN at the regular price. No bargains will be offered. So we bid him a happy life behind the boxes and sincerely hope that he won't have to say "Maybe it will come tomorrow" more than a million times.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire, through the columns of your paper, to express our sincere thanks to the good people of Houka and surrounding community who so very kindly rendered every possible service during our recent bereavement. Especially do we appreciate the many friends of Percy's who came to us in this dark hour of trouble with comforting words and sweet assurances. We shall ever hold dear in memory the ones who followed him to his last resting place and there so lovingly laid him to rest amidst an abundance of lovely flowers. May the Lord bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

Mr and Mrs J E Cobb.

Prof Mitthell tells us that he is getting lots of encouragement from the farmers around Houston and that he hopes to accomplish much good for them during the year from time to time we will publish the progress he is making with his work.

The Dixie Bargain House is putting on another big sale of white goods and every kind of dry goods needed by the families of this town and county. Bargains by the hundreds are ready for your inspection and purchase. We call your attention to their add in this paper and we are sure you will find just what you want at the right price. Mr Matz has made some prices right down to rock bottom and it will pay you to trade some of your money with them. Go to see their stock now.

CONTRACTORS NOTICE.

State of Miss. Chickasaw County. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of said County and State, will on Monday the 7th day of Feb. 1916, in front of the East Door of the Court House in the Town of Houston, Miss., let the following work to the lowest responsible bidder, to-wit:

140 feet more or less dirt work on Umberson road in Houka bottom also plank covering for the same.

The said work to be done according to the plans and specifications on file in the Chancery Clerk's office. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my signature this the 10th day of January 1916.
W A Wilkinson, Clerk.
By J C Williams, D C.

Mr P F Paden and Miss Ruby Neal were happily married at the home of Rev Henry Holladay last Sunday at 3:30. Only a few friends were present at the marriage. We wish for these young people a long and happy married life.

Statement of the Financial Condition of

Chickasaw County Bank

located at Houston in the County of Chickasaw State of Mississippi, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1915 made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$70,541.32
Overdrafts, secured	\$28,783.20
unsecured	862.85
Guaranty Fund with State Treas.	500.00
Banking house and lot	5,000.00
Other real estate owned	509.03
Furniture and fixtures	3,506.00
Due from other banks	24,132.73
Exchanges and checks for next day's clearings	1,922.05
Other cash items	172.91
Paper currency	6,106.60
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	6.18
Gold Coin	30.00
Silver coin	2,598.75
Town and County Warrants	2,868.42
Total	\$147,215.21

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$41,000.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes	3,197.17
Individual deposits, including savings deposits	67,441.27
Time certificates of deposits	5,576.77
Bills payable, including certificates of deposits representing money borrowed	30,000.00
Total	\$147,215.21

I, L. T. Fox, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of Chickasaw County Bank located at Houston in the County of Chickasaw State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest:

L T Fox, Cashier
E P Wilson
A M Harley, Directors.

State of Mississippi, County of Chickasaw.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by L T Fox, this 13th day of January 1916.

W A Wilkinson, Chancery Clerk. My commission expires Jan'y 1st, 1920.

Statement of the Financial Condition of

BANK OF HOULLA

located at Houka in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business Dec. 31, 1915 made to the Board of Bank Examiners.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$32,324.70
Overdrafts, unsecured	290.00
Bonds, securities, etc., owned, including premium on same	8,523.54
Guaranty fund with state treas.	500.00
Banking house and lot	2,500.00
Other real estate owned	1,124.85
Furniture and fixtures	406.33
Due from other banks	4,869.47
Other cash items	120.42
Paper currency	2,544.30
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	34.08
Silver Coin	1,442.00
Total	\$54,679.89

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	226.86
Individual deposits, including savings deposits	38,580.63
Time certificates of deposits	2,520.42
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,230.48
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits	15.10
Reserved for accrued taxes	98.20
Rent account	8.90
Total	\$54,679.89

I, R E Atwell, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of Bank of Houka located at Houka in the County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Correct—Attest: R E Atwell, Cashier.

O M Harrill
J C Beasley, Directors.

State of Mississippi, County of Chickasaw.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by R E Atwell, Cashier, 11th day of January 1916.

J W H Baskin, Notary Public. My commission expires July 3rd 1917.

PAUL BRADFORD FORDIG

While looking after his distinguished father's law practice during the Senators great work at Jackson, Hon. Paul got the Ford itch in his mind and BOUGHT. The car of John M. Walker's is the acquisition and Paul is as Proud as a Beegal Tiger. Honk, honk are the pass-words and tire "pop-ops-pops-op" are the cuss-words. Once upon a time Paul spent a few shekels for an occasional magazine—now it must all go for gasoline. Whether wrecks will ruin either Paul or the Ford we cannot as yet know, but we are sure he will be careful and not the old thing fly off the handle and hit some "pore" bird in the next block. Paul's language, besides calling on the devil and his cohorts to take it hades warl, will be accelerator-back-fire-carburettor-crank-exhaust—clutch-friction-carage-ignition-muffler-transmission and other shock absorbing words to numerous to mention right now in this write up. He will be GLAD to take all Houston out riding when gasoline gets cheaper and the downkeep isn't up so high. Until then, dear folks, Paul will afford to Ford about once every so many or between now and then. Here's hoping no wrecks either follow you or go before, and folks if that road "louse" gets on your clothes just calmly flick it off.

NOTICE OF SALE BY TRUSTEE

By virtue of the provision of a certain deed of trust executed by J P Johnson and Mrs Kate Johnson, his wife, on the 3rd day of April 1915 to secure the payment of an indebtedness herein stated and due to Chickasaw County Bank, same being of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Chickasaw county at Houston, Mississippi in Book 123 Page 20 of the records of trusts deeds of said county, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness I, C A Moffat, the trustee in said instrument at the request of the beneficiary will offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash within legal hours in front of the Court House door in the town of Houston Chickasaw county Mississippi on

SATURDAY THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1916 the following described property, to-wit: 4 acres land in S W 1-4 Sec 33, T. 12, R. 3 and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the Houston & Pontotoc public road on a line between Township 12 and 13 and running north 140 yards, thence West 140 yards, thence South 140 yards, thence East 140 yards to the beginning point. One Black Mare 10 years old name Maud One Black Mare 6 years old, name Minnie 6 cows and 5 heifers, all Jerseys.

The title to the above property is believed to be good but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as trustee.

Witness my hand this the 7th day of January 1916
C A Moffat, Trustee

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HOW DID HE KNOW THE SIZE?

Happy Thought Comes to Assistance of Young Man Who Wished to Purchase Jeweled Belt.

A man who had recently become engaged to a charming young girl, chanced to be in a fashionable shop when his eye caught a glimpse of a jeweled belt that seemed to him an acceptable gift for his fiancée. He asked a clerk to place an assortment of the belts on the counter.

"Ladies' belt?" queried the policeman. "Certainly, sir; what size?" The young man blushed. "Really, he stammered, 'I don't know.' And he gazed about him helplessly for a moment or so. Finally a happy thought appeared to strike him. 'Can't you help me have a yardstick for a moment?' he asked. The yardstick being forthcoming, he placed it along the inside of his arm from shoulder to wrist. Then, looking up at the clerk he exclaimed triumphantly, 'Twenty inches.'—Philadelphia Ledger.

Not in His Line.

Manager (of intelligence office)—What kind of a place would you like? Cook Lady—Oh, a place where I can have anything I want, with but little to do and no one to boss me. Manager—You have strayed into the wrong place. This is an employment office, not a matrimonial agency.

Know Her.

"Can I see the manager?" asked the caller. "Why, he's just been called to the telephone," replied the assistant. "Will he be long?" "His wife said she just wanted to speak to him for a minute. I guess he'll be back in an hour."

Rankin—Headbrough has bought himself a \$5,000 racing car. Phyllis—But he couldn't afford one worth half that amount. Rankin—That's why he bought it. He wants something that can go fast enough to keep away from the collectors.—Puck.

Hadn't Noticed.

First Gurgle—Did you notice that good-looking fellow who sat right back of us at the Orpheum? Second Gurgle—Oh, the handsome chap with the red necktie and tan suit, who wore his hair pompadour? No. Why?—Nebraska Awgwan.

To the Point.

Her Father—Young man, I must ask your object in coming here so often? Young Man—I love your daughter, sir. She is adorable, a queen. Her Father—Then, I take it, your object is to become her subject. Very well, she's yours.

MORE IMPORTANT.



Wangs—What are Brown's chances in the coming election? Bangs—Very slight. He hasn't anything back of him. Wangs—He's got a family tree. Bangs—Yes, but his opposition has the plum tree.

College Life.

"Yes, some of us fellows keep house at the fraternity home." "Don't you hate to wash dishes?" "We don't have to. We have plenty of candidates for the fraternity, and dishwashing is great as an initiation stunt."

Too Risky.

"Why didn't you employ that beautiful stenographer?" "Didn't care to take the risk. She was sure to break a lot of hearts in the office, and then I suppose I'd be held under the employers' liability law."